

REMARKS:

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 7-22 and 25, and rejected claims 1-6, 23, 24 and 26-28. Claims 1, 21, 23, 24 and 26-28 are amended herein. No new matter is presented. Thus, claims 1-28 are pending and under consideration. The rejections are traversed below.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

At item 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 7-22 and 25 are allowed.

OBJECTION TO CLAIM 21:

Claim 21 was objected to because of informalities. Claim 21 is amended herein. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Claims 1-6, 23, 24 and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,741,677 (Reformado).

Independent claim 1, by way of example, recites, "generating an update request in response to an event that changes voice messaging subscriber information in a subscriber database... based on a determination that said event is one of predetermined events requiring an update across the telephony messaging systems." Claim 1 further recites, "appending the update request generated to a queue and reading each update request from the queue on a first-in first-out basis" and "automatically updating corresponding voice messaging subscriber information in the shared central subscriber directory", where the updated voice messaging subscriber information becomes "accessible by the different autonomous telephony messaging systems to route subscriber voice messages."

Similarly, independent claims 23, 24 and 26-28 are amended to recite "appending the update to a queue and reading from the queue" and updating "voice messaging subscriber information" in response to occurrence of "[an] event requiring an update across telephony messaging systems."

All pending claims are amended to recite allowable features of the allowed claims. Reformado does not teach or suggest the above-identified features of the independent claims.

For at least the same reasons, the dependent claims are also allowable.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENT:

Applicants respectfully request entry of amendments to the claims because the amendments place the claims in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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